

CROP REPORT



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Small grain yields up from 2002

Drought conditions continued in 2003, but 2003 yields are above 2002 because of plentiful spring rains according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Oregon's 2003 winter wheat crop totaled 47.9 million bushels, up 65 percent from 2002. Harvested acreage was up 32 percent to 940,000 acres. Yields averaged 51 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from the previous year. Spring wheat yield, at 40 bushels per acre, was up 5 bushels. Production, at 5.6 million bushels, was up 14 percent. Harvested acres were unchanged from 2002 at 140,000 acres. Barley harvested acreage for 2003 was 60,000 acres. Production was 3.8 million bushels. The average yield was 64 bushels per acre. This is the lowest harvested acres since 1922. Oat production totaled 1.5 million bushels. Yields averaged 75 bushels per acre. Acres of oats harvested for grain was 20,000.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) winter wheat production totaled 222.5 million bushels for 2003, up 19 percent from 2002. PNW yields averaged 64.3 bushels per acre. Idaho growers averaged 80 bushels per acre and Washington growers averaged 65 bushels per acre. Spring wheat production totaled 57.6 million acres, 11 percent below 2002. Barley production was 65.9 million bushels. Oat production was 3.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat production totaled 2.34 billion bushels in 2003, up 2 percent from the last forecast and 44 percent above 2002. Grain area is 52.8 million acres, up 15 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.2 bushels per acre, up 8.9 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.71 billion bushels, up 49 percent; other spring wheat, 533 million bushels, up 35 percent; and Durum wheat, 96.6 million bushels, up 22 percent. Barley production is estimated at 276 million bushels, down 2 percent from the last forecast but up 22 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 58.9 bushels, is up 1.4 bushels from the last forecast and 4.0 bushels above 2002. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.69 million acres, down 4 percent from August but 14 percent above a year ago. The harvested area is down from August due mostly to hay. Oat production is estimated at 145 million bushels, 4 percent below the August 1 forecast but 22 percent above last year's 119 million bushels. The estimated yield is 65.0 bushels per acre, nearly the same as the August 1 forecast and up 8.3 bushels from a year ago. Record high yields are estimated in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Harvested area is 2.22 million acres, 5 percent below the August 1 forecast but 6 percent above last year.

Annual Small Grains Summary

Crop	Oregon			Pacific Northwest			United States		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels
All wheat									
2002	850	40.0	34,010	4,415	56.9	251,365	45,917	35.3	1,619,011
2003	1,080	49.6	53,540	4,595	61.0	280,185	52,839	44.2	2,336,526
Winter wheat									
2002	710	41.0	29,110	3,150	59.3	186,870	29,751	38.5	1,145,602
2003	940	51.0	47,940	3,460	64.3	222,540	36,541	46.7	1,707,069
Spring wheat ^{1/}									
2002	140	35.0	4,900	1,265	51.0	64,495	16,166	29.3	473,399
2003	140	40.0	5,600	1,135	50.8	57,645	16,298	38.6	629,457
Barley									
2003	60	64.0	3,840	1,090	60.5	65,930	4,688	58.9	276,087
Oats									
2003	20	75.0	1,500	60	64.6	3,875	2,224	65.0	144,649

^{1/} U.S. total includes durum wheat.